

FROM JONES' MILLS, PA.

I feel that a few words from Jones' Mills, in line with a report, is due the readers of our excellent church paper, the EVANGELIST, which is highly appreciated with us. I see from time to time, much improvement, and I trust it may so continue.

Since our last report, we baptized three more, at one of our places of meeting, named, Bear Rock. May our dear Lord help them to be faithful and zealous Christians. Our semi-annual communion service was held July 7. Brother J. B. Wampler was with us, and officiated. Brother M. C. Myers, of Mt. Pleasant, did good service in song, prayer, etc., which was much appreciated. Just previous to the opening of the regular services of the evening, our young brother J. L. Bowman was chosen to the ministry, and ordained by Elder Wampler, assisted by brother M. Myers. Thus another is added to the list of ministers in the Keystone State, and one through whom we trust much good may be done in the name of the Master. He has natural disposition, and ability, to begin with. Has taught school a number of years, is a graduate of California State Normal, and now may the spirit of the Lord be upon him, and endue him with power from on high, for the work before him. Amen.

Brother Wampler delivered his Biblical Typical, and Analitical Map lecture in our church, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, July 8 and 9, to appreciative audiences. It was well taken, and is highly complimented by persons in the vicinity of Jones' Mills. Highly entertaining and instructive. Thorough and scholarly. Indeed we never enjoyed a lecture more and consider it in every way, a very worthy enterprise, worth more to one than we are generally willing (in a substantial way) to admit.

Notwithstanding the haps and mishaps we had along the line of church work in the early spring, circumstances are now more favorable again for aggressive work in the Master's vineyard. With some few exceptions, our people are doing fairly well, and we thank God, and take courage.

On last Saturday P. M., we had just taken in the last of the oats, and the writer had gone to his study, to conclude preparations for a full day's work on Sunday, when Mrs. Hamman called, saying I was wanted, and when I responded, Lo, and behold, we had guests in the persons of Elder J. H. Knepper and wife. Well, we were completely and very agreeably surprised. Even a little nervous, and could not be reconciled until Brother K. ex-

plained that they were off for a vacation, by consent of Berlin church, were visiting and wanted to drive over the mountains early on Sunday morning. I concluded, it was more than a Sabbath day's journey across the mountains and that mere visiting, is not the proper thing on the Lord's day, also that I should enjoy a share in his vacation, and I balked right there, kicked right square out of the harness, leaving the entire burden upon him,—a little tricky, I admit, but we all enjoy vacation. Well, he led off on Lord's day morn, (good leader he is,) and preached one of the most practical, and pointed sermons that we have ever listened to, and did it so nicely, and easily too. I imagine it was worth a half dozen of my sermons all boiled together. We anticipated another in the evening, but a rain and storm bade us forego that pleasure, and there was no service. Thanks, Brother Knepper, and when you are off on a vacation again, come to the Mills. God bless you.

A missionary entertainment by the S. S. at Jones' Mills, Sept. 1, in the evening. Fraternally,

W. A. HAMMAN.

FROM NICKERSON, KAN.

In answer to all inquiries concerning the failure to hold our Kanemorado District Conference in August as expected and by me fully intended, I would say, the blame if such it be, is wholly upon the Program Committee, for not responding to my urgent call, to fix the time and place and arrange the order of exercises. The Conference last year called for the appointment of this committee by the moderator. I began correspondence with them in May, and June 4, brother E. L. Yoder sent me this encouraging reply: "I hope to be able to obtain a meeting of the program committee, and do the work belonging to it." I know of no misunderstanding between the Committee and myself as to the power and extent of their work, and to prevent such misunderstanding in my correspondence I defined the work expected of them. Will the Committee please explain their non-action.

JACOB W. BEER.

August 5.

FROM SOUTH BEND, IND.

The brethren of the Lapaz congregation, Marshall Co., Ind., will dedicate their new church house Sunday, Sept. 1. Brother J. D. McFaden will preach the dedicatory sermon. We invite all that can to be with us.

I. N. MILLER, Pastor.

August 14.

BROTHER ROOP HEARD FROM.

It seems to me that Brother Talley has shown the need of the church at the coming Conference, when he asks for a week. In the last EVANGELIST both Brother Myers and Brother Miller have given the members of the next convention plenty of important thoughts. The one thing that we as a religious body must do, is to acquire a closer and more thorough organization. As things are at present, the connection between the various local congregations is entirely too slight for the prosecution of any systematic church work. To get the plan and organization perfected will require at least one week. If this be done, I would like to suggest that the Mission work have at least one entire day. Certainly no one will object, for under the present plan of procedure, with district boards and national board—each of separate and paramount authority—nothing but confusion can come. What is necessary, is unity of purpose and unison of action? This cannot be secured by a brief hour's consideration of means. Let each one who expects to attend the Conference, and who has the extension of the church at heart give this subject careful thought.

It is no trouble to appoint a set of men as a Mission Board, and then turn them loose to shift for themselves among a half dozen similar bodies with no directions or authority as to what their privileges and duties are. This is a question of at least some importance, that needs a final determining now. I am in favor of Brother Talley's suggestion and hope that the Mission work may get its day.

Chicago, Ill.

FROM BROTHER WISE.

We are now located in the great city of Pittsburg, Pa., and have taken charge of the church for a while, as their pastor. This is a lively little church in a great city. My address for the present is No. 231 Pearl St., Pittsburg, Pa. Any of the brethren passing this way will please remember this and stop and give us a call. There is a great work to be done in a place like this. Pray for us that God may give us grace and wisdom for the work. Yours in hope of eternal life.

Aug. 11, '95

H. WISE.

FROM BLOOMERS, OHIO.

The brethren and sisters composing the Bloomers church, Miami Co., Ohio, will hold their communion service on Friday evening, August 30. A cordial invitation is extended to all of like precious faith to be with us. Troy, Pleasant Hill, Pittsburg, please take notice.

MRS. QUINDORA GRUBB, Sec.